

<p><b>CITY OF BALTIMORE</b></p> <p><b>BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG,</b> <i>Mayor</i></p>		<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS</b></p> <p>REGINALD MOORE, <i>Executive Director</i> Dr. Ralph W. E. Jones, Jr. Building 3001 East Drive - Druid Hill Park Baltimore, Maryland 21217 410-396-7900</p>
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**DATE:** Friday, October 11, 2019

**TO:** Honorable President and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

**POSITION:** Support

**Re: City Council Bill #19-0451 – Biennial Comprehensive Crime Reduction Plan**

Dear President and City Council Members,

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0451, for the purpose of requiring that the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice present to the City Council a biennial comprehensive crime reduction plan; specifying that the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice develop the plan in consultation with certain agencies; establishing the contents of the plan; and requiring the publication of the plan on the City's website for public comment.

Urban parks and green spaces enhance the well-being of city residents, promote physical activity, mental health and a sense of community. Data proves there is a direct correlation between active urban parks and a notable reduction in crime. How parks and recreation facilities are designed, programmed and managed, is critical in achieving that result.

Therefore, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks looks forward to participating in the creation of this plan, and recommends approval of City Council Bill 19-0451.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan at [jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-396-7900.

Respectfully,



Reginald Moore

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